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ATTN: EXAMINER Falik, Andy
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231RE: Application for U.S. Letters Patent
SEAMLESS, FORM FITTING FOOT SOCK
Serial No.: 09/397,421
Filed: September 17, 1999
Inventor: SVOBODA, Frank, et al.

Dear Mr. Falik:

Pursuant to the voice message I left you today, transmitted herewith are the proposed amendments to the claims. As you know, an interview for the above-referenced application is scheduled for Monday, July 17, 2000 at 8:00 a.m.

Should you have any questions, or if you do not receive all of the pages of this communication (3 pages including this sheet), please contact me at your earliest convenience. Thank you in advance for your time.

Very truly yours,

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

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1. (Amended) A highly stretchable, seamless foot sock that conforms to the underlying portions of the body when donned, said sock comprising:

a seamless, elongated fabric receptacle for receiving the foot and at least a portion of the leg of the wearer,

said receptacle presenting an open leg end, through which the foot and leg of the wearer are inserted when the sock is donned, and a closed toe end,

said receptacle including a toe section that is at least in part tapered toward the toe end and projects from the toe end for receiving the toes of the wearer, a tubular generally straight leg section that is adjacent the leg end and is dimensioned to receive at least a portion of the leg of the wearer, and a tubular generally straight foot section extending between the leg section and toe section of the receptacle,

said toe, foot and leg sections of the receptacle being knitted of a common high-stretch yarn and being generally undersized in an unstretched condition relative to the underlying portions of the body, such that the yarn of the toe, foot and leg sections is resiliently stretched [configured to cause the yarn to stretch] when the sock is donned,

said yarn comprising [multiple corespun strands, each of which] at least one corespun strand that includes an elastomeric core and an outer sheath [of] comprising substantially nonelastic fibers.

Please add new claims 27-29 as follows:

27. A foot sock as claimed in claim 1, said sheath including moisture transporting fibers.

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28. A foot sock as claimed in claim 1,
said sheath including antimicrobial fibers.

29. A foot sock as claimed in claim 1,
said yarn comprising multiple corespun strands, each of which includes an elastomeric
core and an outer sheath comprising substantially nonclastic fibers.